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Lt. Governor to lead international goodwill mission to China

Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen will lead an international goodwill mission to China, sponsored by the Port of Bremerton, from October 11-21. China, a top trading partner, has a longtime relationship of cultural and educational exchange with Washington State.

The purpose of the visit is to promote trade and cultural exchange between Washington and China, and is scheduled on the 20-year anniversary of the Washington-Sichuan Province friendship agreement. It will also feature the signing of a friendship agreement between the ports of Bremerton and Yantai.

The delegation will meet with government, port and business officials in Sichuan and Shandong Province, and tour sites of business and cultural significance.



Dinner meeting with a delegation of business, governmental and cultural leaders from Sichuan Province, China.

Trade Mission Objectives

- Promote Sino-WA friendship, trade & cultural exchange
- Assist business WA business community to establish & develop relationships with China

Participating Delegation Members:

- Commissioners from the Ports of Bremerton, Seattle and Tacoma
- Community & Business leaders

Goodwill Mission Travel Plan:

- October 11-21
- Sichuan and Shandong Province
- Port of Yantai

Jalisco, Mexico trade office opens in Seattle

Lieutenant Governor Owen joined Governor Ramirez of the state of Jalisco, Mexico on August 16th for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Jalisco-Washington Trade Office in Seattle. Governor Ramirez was accompanied by a delegation of agriculture and trade specialists from Mexico.

The Trade Office is the result of a year of collaboration between the sister states of Jalisco and Washington. "This project is a bridge for everyone who believes that investing in our children is worth the effort, and investing in our communities is good business," said Lt. Governor Owen at the ribbon-cutting.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

"Out of compassion and a sense of duty they were there at critical moments. Out of chaos and confusion, they rose up from the ashes one after another to validate the undying light of the human spirit. And out of gratitude, we applaud and thank them here today."

-Lt. Governor Brad Owen at a remembrance event marking the first anniversary of September 11th



President Alejandro Toledo of Peru is flanked by Lt. Governor Owen, Seattle Mayor Nickels and Tacoma Mayor Baarsma in Seattle this August. The president was visiting Washington State to accept a gift of equipment from local firefighters to their counterparts in Peru.



An emotional group of Seattle Firefighters stand silently at attention during the September 11th remembrance event at Westlake Plaza in downtown Seattle. Lt. Governor Owen joined a crowd of more than 5,000 who gathered in remembrance of the national tragedy.



Bidding Consul Saiga of Japan farewell as she leaves her post as Japanese consul general to Washington State. Consul Saiga is now the Japanese ambassador to the United Nations mission in New York.



Lt. Governor Owen delivers the keynote speech in Spanish to a large crowd of Washington State hispanic residents. The event celebrating Mexican Independence Day on September 16th took place in the Yakima Sundome.



Walking with a military honor guard at the annual ceremony at the Korean War Memorial in Olympia. Lt. Governor Owen is joined by the Consul Hong of Korea and Korea War veterans.



Residents of Sunnyside during a ceremony marking the completion of their new homes. The homes were built through the "self-help" method used by a local program, La Clinica.

Meet a Staff Member: Trina Haughton



Trina Haughton joined the Lieutenant Governor's Office in July 2002 as the Youth and Communities Coordinator. She brings a passion for taking an active role in youth substance abuse and violence issues to the office, in addition to extensive computer technology and marketing experience.

Trina plans to graduate from Evergreen State College in fall 2002 with a BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences. She enjoys spending her spare time traveling, reading and working out, and hopes to begin learning Spanish in the near future.

OFFICE PROJECTS

Focus on a Community Member **Earlyse Swift Retires from TOGETHER!**

Earlyse Swift has acted as Executive Director of TOGETHER! since its inception in 1989. The youth violence, drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention program serves Thurston County. Under Earlyse's leadership it has grown to become a viable, respected prevention effort operating a variety of community service programs in targeted areas.

Earlyse has been a tireless advocate of youth violence and drug prevention efforts. Her many talents and skills have benefited the various prevention committees and boards she has served on over the past 13 years.

Thurston County and Washington State will lose a valuable advocate for youth and communities this year when Earlyse retires. We wish her the best of luck!



National Gun Safety Program Hosted by Lieutenant Governor in Washington State

Throughout the month of September 2002, Lt. Governor Owen hosted a national gun safety program passing through Washington State. Project HomeSafe has launched a nationwide Safety Tour to promote firearm safety education to gun owners throughout America. The goal is to distribute 3 million firearm safety kits that include at least 60,000 gun owners in Washington State.

Project HomeSafe is sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and funded through a federal grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The program was coordinated and made available to local communities through the Lieutenant Governor's Office. "This program fits in perfectly with the long-term goal of the Lieutenant Governor's Office, which is to help kids grow up healthy in safe communities, with opportunity," said Lt. Governor Owen.

Lt. Governor Owen's office hosted Project Home Safe in 27 different cities. "This project has been extremely well-received by the community. We feel very good about the positive impact it has made in Washington," commented the office's Youth and Communities Coordinator, Trina Haughton.

Legislative Committee **on Economic Development**

The Legislative Committee on Economic Development (LCED), chaired by Lt. Governor Owen, has been focusing on Washington State's role in promoting international trade during the 2002 interim between legislative sessions. For more information about the LCED, including schedule, topic, overview and meeting agendas, visit the Lt. Governor's website at: <http://www.ltgov.wa.gov/projects/lced>.

LCED Issue Areas at a Glance:

"Washington State's Role in Promoting International Trade"

1. State organization & administration of international trade promotion and protocol activities
Olympia, July 15-16
2. International trade promotion & Washington agriculture, Wenatchee, September 23-24
3. Foreign Consuls & international trade organizations, Seattle, November 19-20

"Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry." -Franklin Delano Roosevelt